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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 26, 2004, in the above-identified application.

An extension of time and a Notice of Appeal from the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2004, with appropriate fees, are being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks.